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Prescott Valley hires Tempe Economic Development Director to head up Development Services Department

The Town of Prescott Valley has hired Donna Kennedy, current City of Tempe Economic Development Director, as its new Development Services Director.

Kennedy brings a wealth of experience in rural/urban and economic development and redevelopment, project development, budget and capital planning, land use planning, lease and contract negotiation, infrastructure financing and coordination, facilities management, business development, policy development, and community outreach.

Prescott Valley has a lot of pride, Kennedy said, and she wants to assist with long-term, sustainable growth that aligns with the community's vision and purpose. "I look forward to working with residents and businesses to get their input on future plans," she said.



Donna Kennedy

Town Manager Gilbert Davidson said, "We are so excited to have someone of Donna Kennedy's caliber join our high performing team, and we look forward to providing exceptional service to our residents and businesses."

Kennedy has served the City of Tempe since 2012, and previously was the Community Development/Redevelopment Program Manager for the City of Phoenix Community and Economic Development Department. Prior to that she was the Redevelopment Program Manager in the City of Phoenix Downtown Development Office.

Notable achievements for Kennedy are management of the development of the 28-acre Phoenix Biomedical Campus which houses the U of A College of Medicine/Pharmacy, the ASU College of Nursing/Biomedical Informatics, and NAU Allied Health Program; Management of a Mayor's initiative to establish a biomedical campus at Desert Ridge in collaboration with Mayo and ASU on 500-plus acres of vacant Arizona State Trust Land, and initiation of the Phoenix Real Estate Properties program (PREP) to identify shovel-ready sites throughout the city for job creation. At Tempe, she assisted in the growth and development of the Tempe Town Lake and Downtown Core areas and initiated seven Innovation Hubs for development/redevelopment.

Kennedy holds a Master of Urban and Environmental Planning and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Urban Planning and Environmental Design from the Arizona State University School of Architecture and Environmental Design/Planning. She and her husband Dan, who is in law enforcement and will be looking to transfer to a local agency, have a grown daughter and son.